

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:





Arcady Vineyard Bed & Breakfast

Charlottesville, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Arcady Vineyard Bed & Breakfast

Arcady Vineyard Bed and Breakfast is located in Charlottesville and features one suite that sleeps four or can be booked separately as two junior suites that sleep two each. The sister company, Arcady Vineyard Wine Tours, also offers personalized wine tasting tours of area vineyards. Arcady Vineyard Bed and Breakfast is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Arcady Vineyard Bed and Breakfast, you can expect the following practices:

- **(\$) Optional linen service** in rooms
- **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- **(*)** Water Conservation
- (\$) Energy conservation
- (\$) Green events

Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronics equipment and chocolate boxes (return to store for refill)
- Compost excess food waste

Waste Reduction

- Fill bulk soap, shampoo, and conditioner bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam and take any packing Styrofoam to local package store for reuse
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables



- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown, organic, sustainable produce and other foods
- Developing recipes to use excess cheese
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Use latex paint
- Reuse paint thinners and recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management

Water Conservation

- Tracking overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets
- Effective landscape management plan
- Effective storm water management plan
- Rain barrels
- Minimization of impervious areas

Energy Conservation

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Consider the pollution factor of energy usage by using a pollution calculator
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal rated windows and insulation



For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of *Virginia Green*, the Commonwealth's campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.







